**LPG Connections for commercial use**

†*474. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG connections provided to each State for commercial use during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of applications in the waiting list, State-wise;

(c) the number of cases of commercial use of gas for domestic purposes that has come to light during the last few years, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have released 4,18,093 commercial LPG connections in the country through their LPG distributors during the last three years. The State-wise/year-wise details are given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) OMCs have reported that there is no waiting list for commercial LPG connections in the country. However, OMCs have reported a waiting list of 16510 in the State of Andhra Pradesh and 160 in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep as on 1.4.2007 for release of new domestic LPG connections with their LPG distributors. OMCs have reported that the waiting list is expected to be cleared by the end of May, 2007.

(c) OMCs have reported 1345 eastablished cases of diversion of domestic LPG cylinders for commercial purposes by their LPG distributors during the last three years. The State-wise details are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) (i) Under the LPG (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 2000 promulgated under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 the diversion/ black marketing of domestic LPG cylinders for commercial purposes by the distributors of OMCs is prohibited. The State Governments are empowered to take action against erring distributors under the provisions of this Order. The State Governments have been alerted from time to time to take steps against the diversion of domestic cylinders for unauthorized usage.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(ii) The officials of OMCs carry out random checks at distributors godown, delivery point,as well as en route to ensure that no diversion/black marketing takes place. As per the MDG, in case of establishment of any diversion/ black marketing of domestic LPG cylinder for commercial purposes, the following action is taken against the distributor:—

(a) A fine of Rs. 20,000 plus the price of LPG diverted at commercial rates for the first offence.

(b) A fine of Rs. 50,000 plus the price of LPG diverted at commerical rates for the second offence, and

(c) Termination of the distributorship for the third offence.

(iii) Government have issued advertisements cautioning the public that use of domestic LPG for non-domestic purposes is illegal, dangerous and against national interest. Through these advertisements, cooperation of the general public has also been sought to report any irregularity/ malpractice to the OMCs.

(iv) Government have advised OMCs to introduce different colours for domestic & non-domestic cylinders. This is also expected to help in controlling the diversion of domestic LPG for unauthorized use.

***Statement-I***

*State-wise number of commercial connection released by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during the last three year*

| Sl. No. | State/UT. | Number of Commercial LPG Connections Released | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 2528 | 12207 | 14303 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 58 | 77 | 125 |
| 3. | Assam | 493 | 1330 | 1823 |
| 4. | Bihar | 88 | 1088 | 855 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 418 | 7111 | 1150 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 4741 | 10108 | 10433 |
| 7. | Goa | 529 | 1227 | 1111 |
| 8. | Haryana | 856 | 5625 | 6374 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 4371 | 3357 | 8369 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 443 | 2121 | 1178 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 944 | 2019 | 961 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 8460 | 15125 | 13259 |
| 13. | Kerala | 4989 | 7744 | 8612 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 1661 | 6208 | 6031 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 14674 | 22163 | 28524 |
| 16. | Manipur | 4 | 28 | 16 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 348 | 130 | 206 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 0 | 31 | 86 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 45 | 35 | 820 |
| 20. | Orissa | 827 | 2806 | 1158 |
| 21. | Punjab | 5036 | 2963 | 3670 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 2565 | 9957 | 14806 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 150 | 230 | 113 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 12287 | 27841 | 32154 |
| 25. | Tripura | 30 | 203 | 261 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 2182 | 9331 | 11409 |
| 27. | Uttarakhand | 408 | 1849 | 2433 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 1266 | 8617 | 5299 |
| 29. | Andman & Nicobar | 0 | 111 | 0 |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 78 | 210 | 192 |
| 31. | Dadra & N.H. | 22 | 57 | 336 |
| 32. | Daman & Diu | 13 | 23 | 184 |
| 33. | Delhi | 1125 | 3587 | 2911 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35. | Puducherry | 273 | 918 | 582 |
| | TOTAL: | 71912 | 166437 | 179744 |

***Statement-II***

*State-wise number of established cases of Diversion of Domestic LPG Cylinders for commercial purposes by the LPG Distributors of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during the last three years*

| Sl. No. | State/UT. | Number of established cases of diversion of domestic LPG | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 44 | 105 | 50 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | — | — | — |
| 3. | Assam | — | — | — |
| 4. | Bihar | 5 | 9 | 10 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | — | 4 | 4 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 54 | 36 | 28 |
| 7. | Goa | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| 8. | Haryana | 22 | 16 | 7 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | — | 10 | 5 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 31 | 45 | 26 |
| 13. | Kerala | 21 | 12 | 10 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 18 | 43 | 15 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 109 | 60 | 49 |
| 16. | Manipur | — | — | — |
| 17. | Meghalaya | — | — | — |
| 18. | Mizoram | — | — | — |
| 19. | Nagaland | — | — | — |
| 20. | Orissa | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| 21. | Punjab | 13 | 28 | 28 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 27 | 29 | 21 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23. | Sikkim | — | — | — |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 35 | 25 | 17 |
| 25. | Tripura | — | — | — |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 54 | 37 | 26 |
| 27. | Uttarakhand | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 12 | 19 | 14 |
| 29. | Andman & Nicobar | — | — | — |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 31. | Dadra & N.H. | — | — | — |
| 32. | Daman & Diu | — | — | — |
| 33. | Delhi | 23 | 19 | 20 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | — | — | — |
| 35. | Puducherry | — | — | — |
| | TOTAL: | 484 | 515 | 346 |

**Development of tourist sports in Kerala**

*475. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourist sports developed in the State of Kerala during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount sanctioned and released during the period; and

(c) the projects sanctioned for the year 2006-2007?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The list of projects sanctioned during the years 2004-2005, 2005-06 and 2006-2007 along with amount sanctioned and released in favour of the State Government of Kerala given in the Statement.